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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the rebuild Missouri schools program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.459, to read as follows:

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160.459. 1. There is hereby established the "Rebuild Missouri

2 Schools Program", under which the state board of education shall

distribute no-interest loans with a twenty-year repayment agreement

4 to eligible school districts from moneys appropriated by the general

assembly to the rebuild Missouri schools program fund for the purposes

6 of this section to assist in emergency projects. Any assistance under

7 this section shall be used to pay the cost of only the portion of an

8 emergency project that is not covered by insurance or other public or

9 private emergency assistance received by or payable to the school

10 district. Any damage to school facilities caused by age of the facilities

11 or by lack of timely maintenance to the facilities shall not constitute

12 damage that is subject to assistance under this section.

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

14 (1) "Eligible school district", any school district that has school

15 facilities that have experienced at least fifty percent damage or

16 destruction, as calculated or determined by the Federal Emergency

17 Management Agency, due to an act of God or extreme weather events,

18 including but not limited to tornado, flood, or hail;

19 (2) "Emergency project", reconstruction or renovation of, or

20 repair to, any school facilities, located in an area declared a disaster

21 area by the governor or President of the United States, made necessary

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because of damage due to an act of God or extreme weather events, including but not limited to tornado, flood, or hail.

- 3. The state board of education shall establish procedures, criteria, and deadlines for eligible school districts to follow in applying for assistance under this section. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.
- 4. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Rebuild Missouri Schools Program Fund", which shall consist of money collected under this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.
 - 5. Pursuant to section 23.253, RSMo, of the Missouri sunset act:
- (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall sunset automatically six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and
- (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall sunset automatically twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and
- 56 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the 57 calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the 58 program authorized under this section is sunset.

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